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SUBJECT: GOJ CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMITTEE

1. (SBU) Embassy received from the Foreign Ministry a note dated September 24 requesting U.S. support for Jordan's candidate for the Asian seat on the UN International Law committee, Mahmoud al-Hmoud, currently director of the MFA legal department. In the two months of his latest tenure as legal director, al-Hmoud has been sympathetic to Embassy efforts to expedite GOJ consideration of U.S. initiatives on the CWC and on human rights issues.

2. (SBU) The text of the note follows below.

Complimentary greeting

The Foreign Ministry would like to refer to the government of Jordan's nomination for Mr. Mahmoud al-Hmoud, Director of the Foreign Ministry's Legal Department, for one of the Asian Group's seats assigned for the Asian Group membership of the International Law Committee, during their elections that will convene during the 61st session for the General Assembly in November 2006.

Mr. Hmoud worked previously as a member of the 6th Legal Committee office for the UN as a Vice President, he also worked on various legal issues in Jordan, and participated in the procedures for the International Arbitration as well as many other issues related to his field.

Jordan strongly recommends the nomination of Mr. Mahmoud al-Hmoud, and would appreciate the support of the United States of America in his nomination.

Complimentary closing

3. (SBU) Mr. Hmoud's CV, provided by the MFA, follows:

Mahmoud Daifallah Hmoud

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Amman 11180, Jordan
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Current Position: Director of the Legal Department and Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amman, Jordan (2006-).

Former Positions:

Diplomat and Legal Advisor at the Jordanian Mission to the United Nations in New York (2001-2006).

Vice-Chairman of the Legal (Sixth) Committee during the Sixtieth session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Director of the Legal Department and Legal Advisor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amman, Jordan (1999-2001).

Legal Advisor at the Office of HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal. (1994-1999).

Legal Advisor to Jordan during the peace process negotiations.

The Jordanian Follow up Committee on the Euro-Med partnership (Barcelona process).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Advised the Jordanian Government on issues related to the accession to the World Trade Organization, including intellectual property matters (TRIPs agreement).

Participated in preparing and drafting several economic laws in Jordan, including those related to intellectual property protection.

Negotiated several of Jordan's bilateral and multilateral agreements.

Advised the Jordanian government on matters related to the Jordan-EU Association agreement.

Advised on the privatization of the Royal Jordanian Airlines.

Legal Counsel for Jordan during the proceedings of the International Court of Justice on the question of the "Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory" (request for advisory opinion by the General Assembly of the United Nations), The Hague, 2004.

EDUCATION:

High School:

Terra Sancta College, Amman, Jordan.

Date of Graduation: June 1988

Degree: G.C.E.

Undergraduate:

University of Jordan Law School, Amman, Jordan.

Date of Graduation: August 1992

Degree: BA Law

Post Graduate:

George Washington University, National Law Center (Law School),

Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Date of Graduation: May 1993

Degree: Masters of Law (LL.M)

Specialization: International and Comparative Law

Lund University, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund, Sweden.

Date of Degree: May 1996

Degree: Diploma in International Human Rights

Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, New Hampshire, U.S.

Date of Graduation: May 1998

Degree: Masters of Law (LL.M)

Specialization: Intellectual Property Rights.

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